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Don't believe ^[1] will get up early
 stoppage in spite of the
 The Esplanade Hotel
 long rough rides & hope
 Bombay Oct 23, 1903



Dear Louie & Children
 I expect to sail
 on the steamer "Pennsylv-
 ania" tomorrow for
 Egypt, landing at
 Luxor & going by rail
 to Cairo, I want also
 to see a little of
 Palestine if possible.
 I've seen far more
 of India than I expected.
 The Simla region
 with its Deodar.

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^[2]
 forests & views of
 the high white
 Himalaya was
 gloriously interesting
 & all the way
 down here is full
 of novel sights
 & sounds. I think
 Midge that the
 funniest thing was
 limber longlegged
 longtailed monkey
 running along side
 the railroad as
 if trying to keep up with
 the train for been

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^[3]
 monkey boys I
 suppose, & sober
 old mummies sitting
 on top of fence posts
 with babies in their
 arms, holding the young
 ones so that they
 might get a good
 view while the train
 thundered past within
 2 rods of them.
 These wild monkeys
 are very tame for
 nobody molests
 them, the Hindus how-
 ever favor always
 try to help their tailed

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neighbors in ^[43] getting a living
O dear! I feel consumed
though I make acquaintances
just wherever I go. You
would laugh to see me
lecturing on glaciers etc to
Honduras, Parsees, Mahomedans,
Jews & Gentiles on the cars &
at hotel tables. I mean to turn
back at the head of the Mediterranean
& make haste home by Ceylon, Australia
New Zealand Tasmania Samoa etc

With love to all
from
Maud